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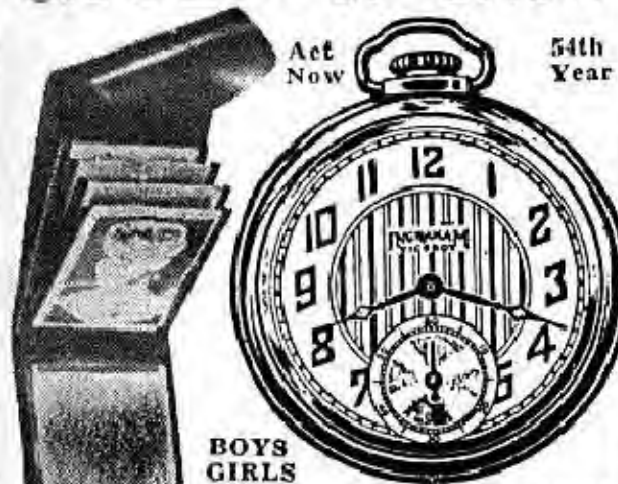
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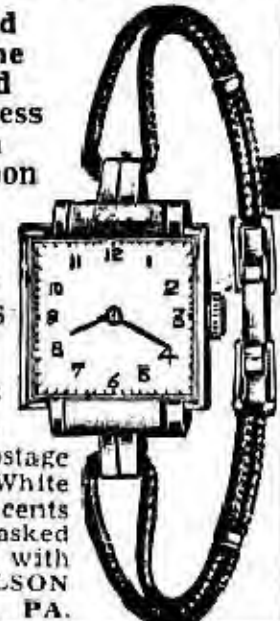


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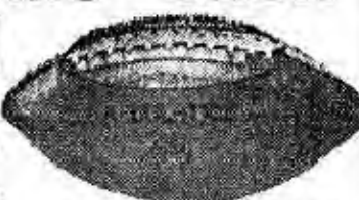
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PREMIUMS - CASH GIVEN



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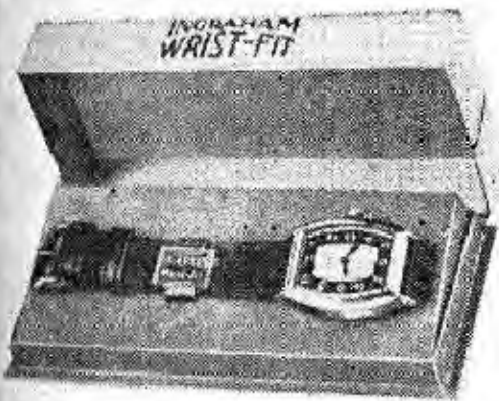
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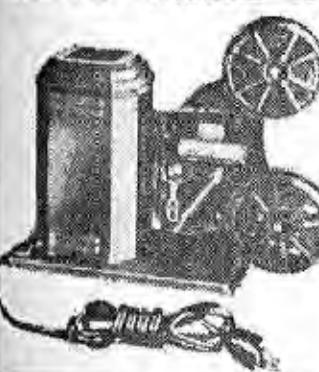
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Blackhawk



WHILE THE WORLD IS EARNESTLY TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH THE ATOM BOMB, THE INHABITANTS OF A TINY ISLAND COUNTRY PREPARE TO CHALLENGE HUMANITY WITH AN EVEN DEADLIER WEAPON... THE GERM BOMB! IT IS THEN THAT THE DARING BLACKHAWKS RISK THEIR LIVES IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF MANKIND IN...

The **BATTLE OF THE TEST TUBES!**

ON PATRIA ISLAND, IN THE FAR-OFF INDOANIAN SEA...

PRESIDENT WERGER,
OUR LAND HAS BEEN
GRIPPED BY AN EPIDEMIC!
THE HOSPITALS ARE FULL!
THE PEOPLE ARE DYING
IN THE STREETS!

I KNOW! I HAVE
BEEN RECEIVING
SUCH REPORTS
ALL DAY!

THEY'RE DROPPING
LIKE FLIES! ISN'T
THERE ANYTHING
WE CAN DO?

THE DOCTORS ARE
'HELPLESS! THEY SAY
ALL THE DEADLY
DISEASES KNOWN
TO CIVILIZATION
SEEM TO HAVE HIT
US AT ONCE!



I FEEL
SICK!
OOHHH!

EVERYTHING
IS GOING
BL...!

PEGMER! KINGLOM!
GENERAL, YOU'VE GOT
TO DO SOMETHING OR
WE'LL ALL BE DEAD!



THE ARMY CANNOT FIGHT
THIS! THERE'S ONLY ONE
PERSON I CAN CALL ON
TO FIGHT SUCH
INSURMOUNTABLE
ODDS! I'M GOING
TO CALL BLACKHAWK
ISLAND!



SOON, ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND...

...AND IF WE
DON'T GET HELP
SOON, THE PEOPLE
OF PATRIA WILL ALL
BE DEAD! RIGHT NOW A
TERRIFIC FEVER HAS
GRIPPED ME! I'M
GOING TO...
AHNNH!

SACRE
BLEU!

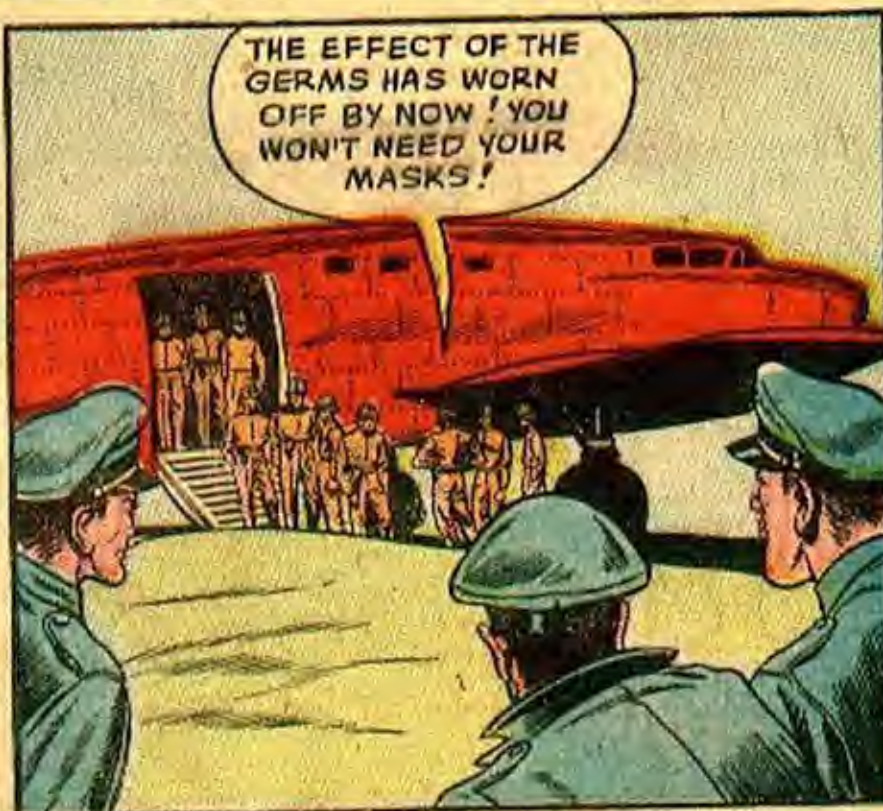
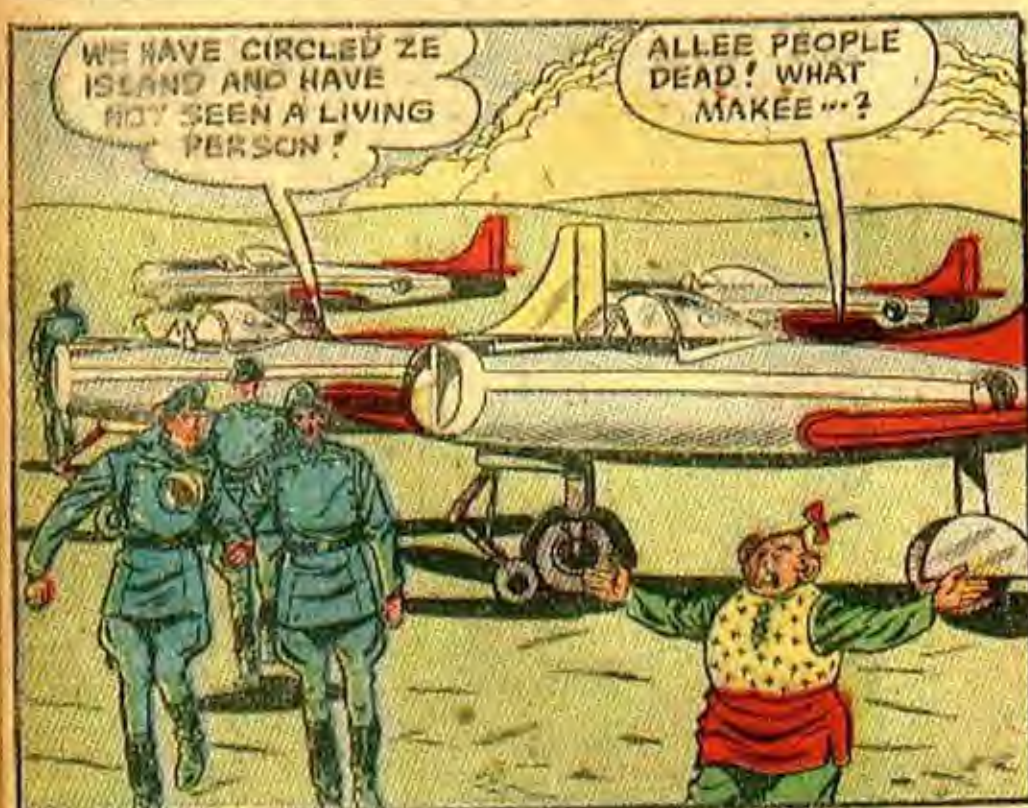
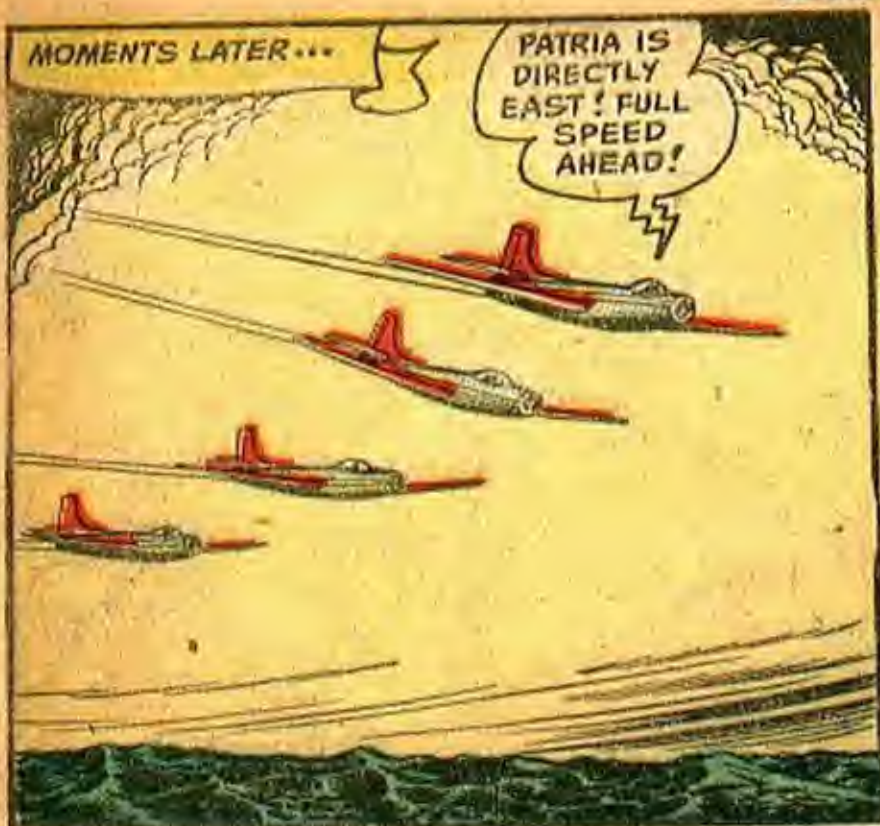
JA,
ANDRE...
DIS
SOUNDS
BAD!

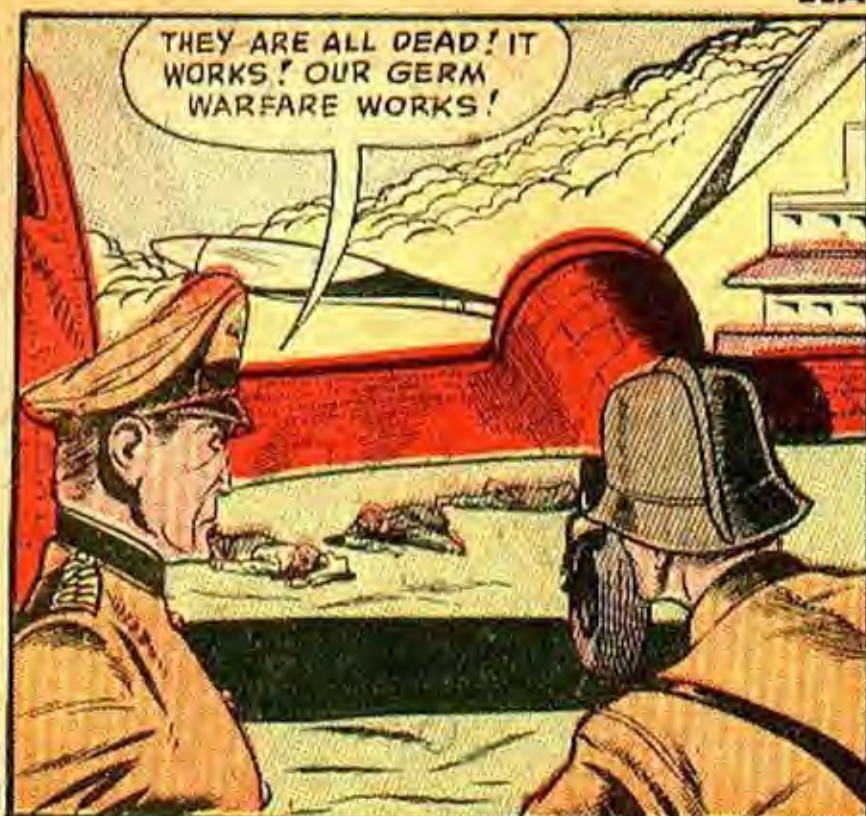


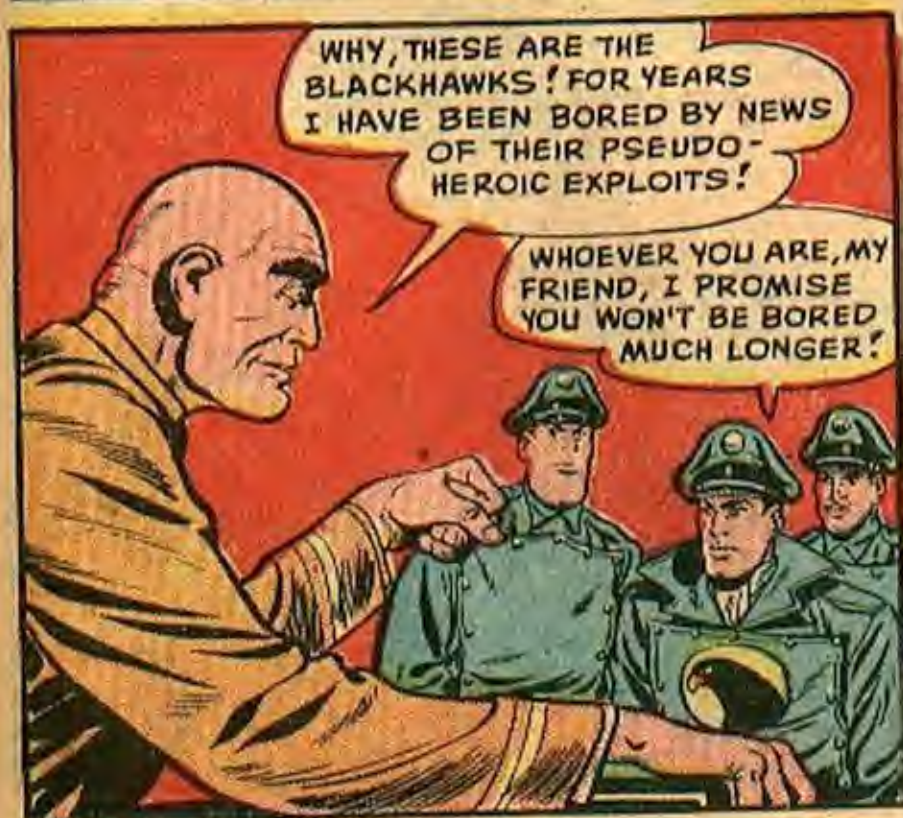
WE'VE NO TIME TO LOSE!
TO YOUR PLANES AND HEAD
FOR PATRIA ISLAND! STANISLAUS,
BRING YOUR CHEMICAL EQUIPMENT!
WE MAY NEED IT!

RIGHT,
BLACKHAWK!









WE DROPPED TEST TUBES
FULL OF GERMS ON PATRIA
ISLAND ONLY AS AN
EXPERIMENT...AND I
AM SATISFIED WITH
THE RESULTS!

NOW I CAN RULE THE
WORLD FROM THIS LITTLE
ISLAND... AND DROP
GERM BOMBS ON ANY
COUNTRY THAT OPPOSES
ME!



TAKE THEM TO THE
LABORATORY! WE WILL
USE THEM FOR OUR
EXPERIMENTS!

TIE EACH
ONE TO AN
IRON RING!

SAY ZE WORD,
BLACKHAWK, AND
WE SHOW ZAT GENERAL
MARIS AND ZESE
LUNATICS WE ARE
NOT GUINEA PIGS!

NOT YET, ANDRE!
THEY ARE TOO
WELL ARMED!



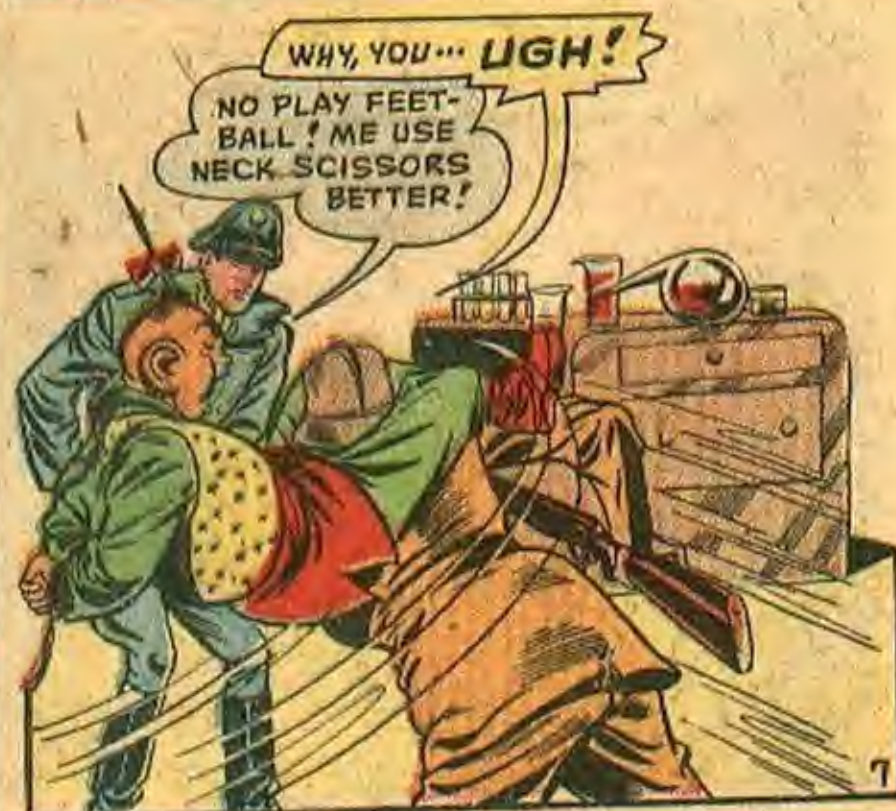
YOU WILL HAVE THE HONOR OF
DYING HERE ON THE ISLAND OF
TORTE... THE FUTURE CAPITAL
OF THE UNIVERSE!

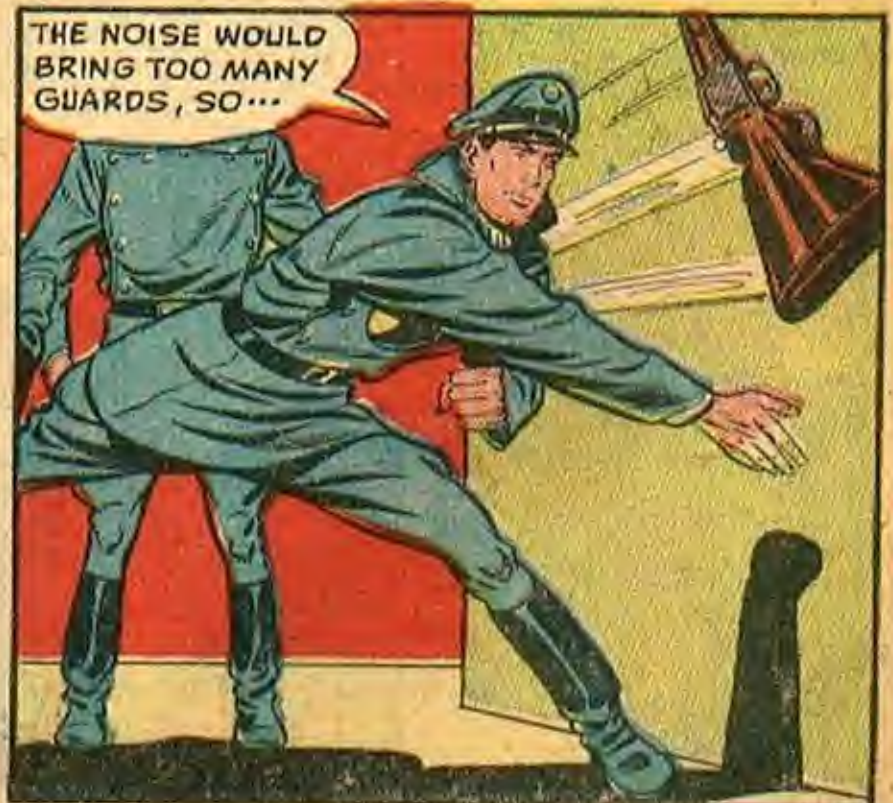
THESE PEOPLE
ARE MAD!

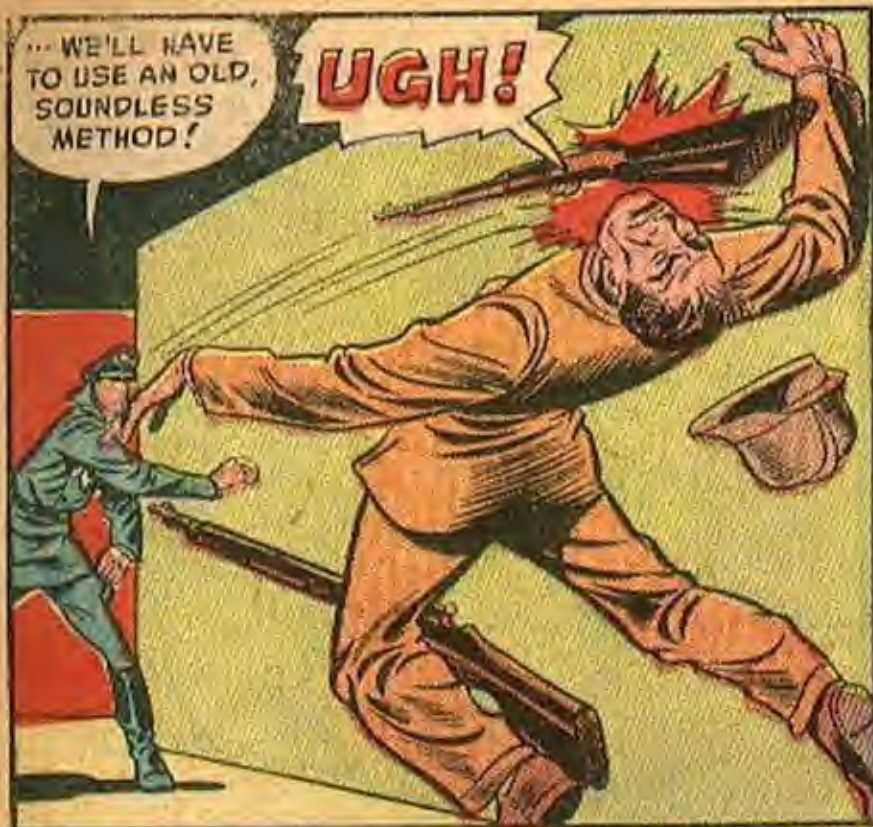
THEY CAN
UNLOOSE
SICKNESS
THAT CAN WIPE
OUT ALL MAN-
KIND!

YES, AND
WE'VE GOT
TO STOP
THEM!

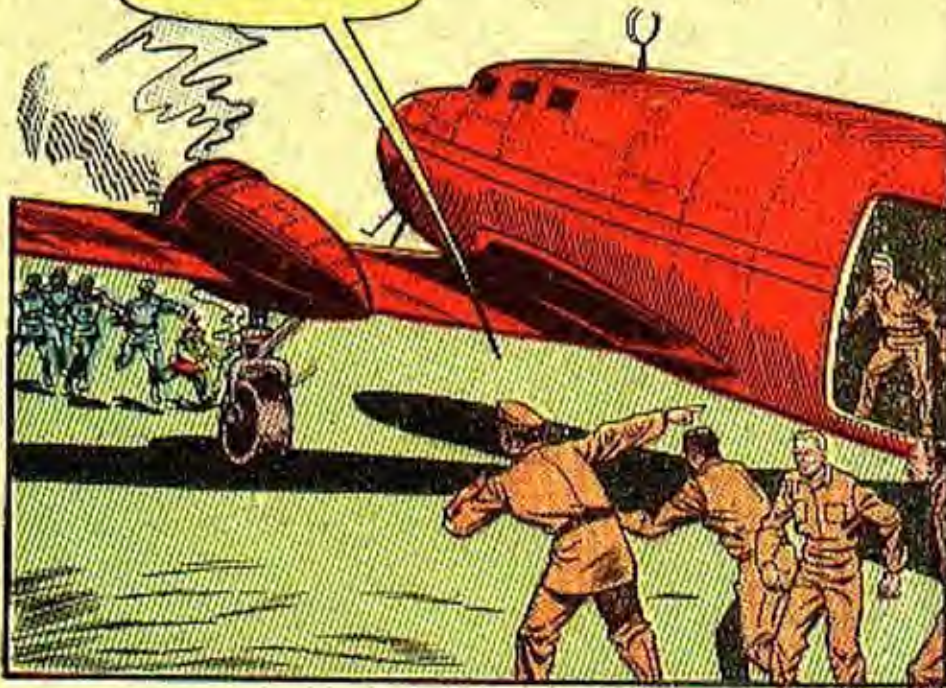








IT'S THE BLACKHAWKS!
HURRY, GET THE PLANE
INTO THE AIR!



STOP THEM,
MEN! THE
PLANE MUST
TAKE OFF AT
ANY COST!

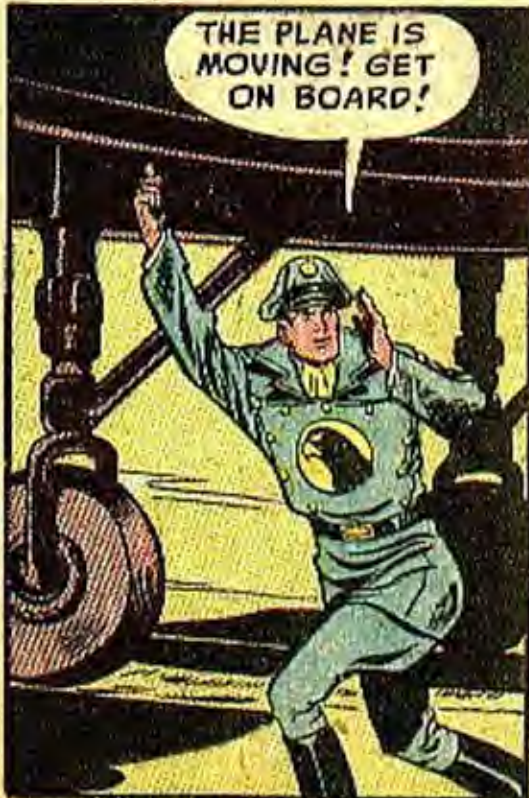


WITHOUT GERMS
AY BAN GIVE YOU
SLEEPING SICKNESS!

HERE'S A SHOT
OF PENICILLIN
WITH A KICK
IN IT!



THE PLANE IS
MOVING! GET
ON BOARD!



HURRY, ANDRE,
BEFORE SHE
LEAVES THE
GROUND!



IN ANOTHER MINUTE
I'D HAVE NEEDED
WINGS!

WE WILL TALK
LATER! THERE
ARE STILL
SOME SOLDIERS
HERE TO TAKE
CARE OF!



BLACKHAWK



CHOP CHOP



IS SCIENTIFIC
FACT THAT HOT
IRON IS BEST
FOR SHIRT!

SHIRT NOT
SEEM TO THINK
SO! HIM BLAZING
MAD!

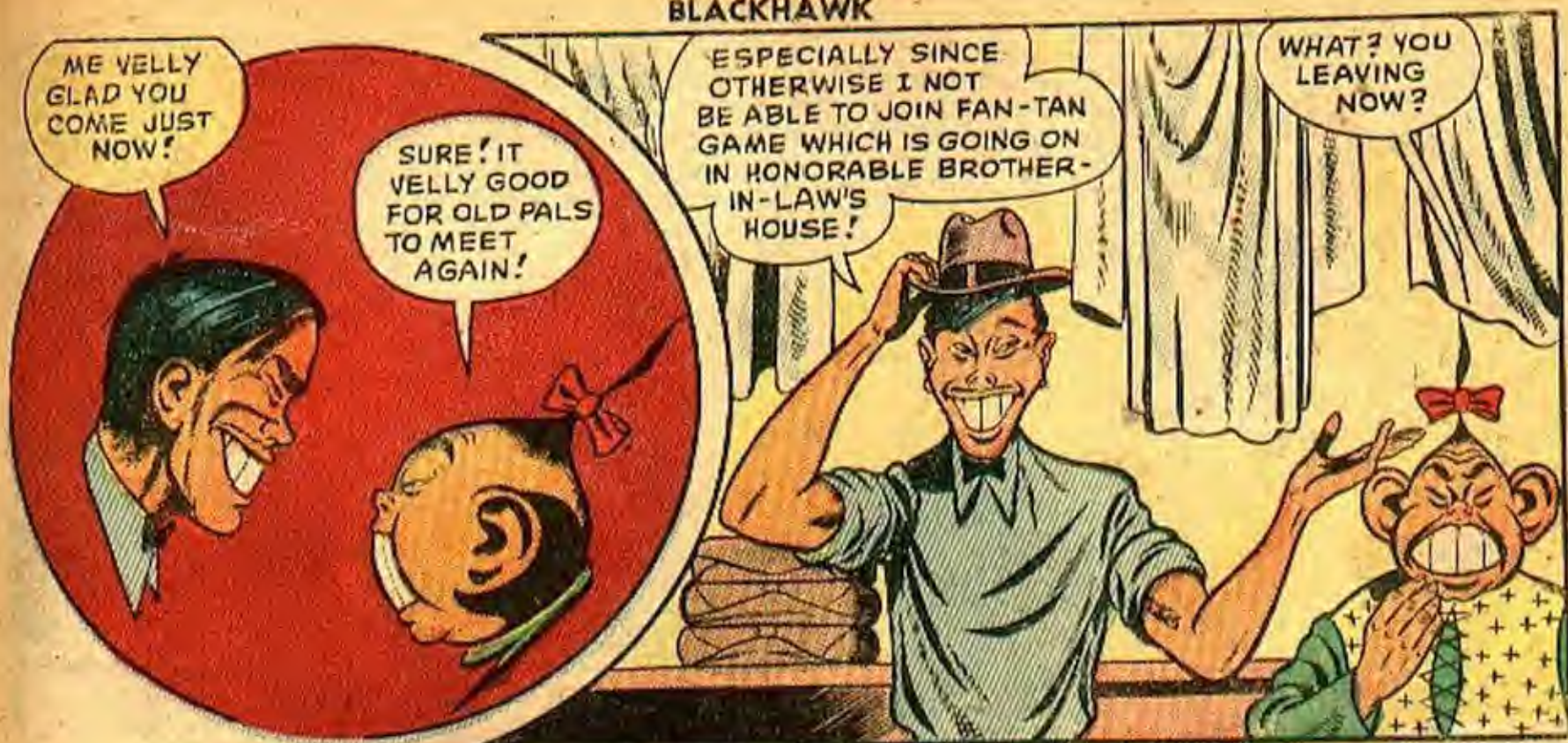


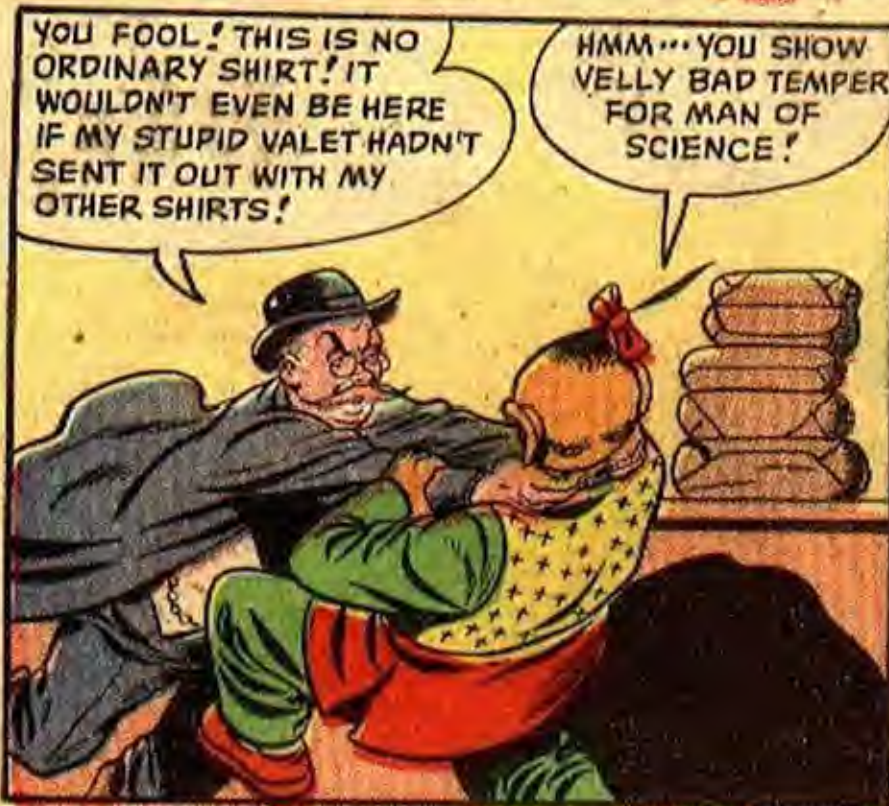
BEFORE GO BACK TO
BLACKHAWK ISLAND
MUST VISIT OLD
FRIEND AH MING
IN HIS LAUNDLY!



CHOP CHOP!
MANY YEARS
AH MING NOT
SEE YOU!

AH MING, ME VELLY
GLAD YOU STILL
ALIVE AND KICKING!







PLENTY SHIRTS
HERE ALL LOOK
ALIKE!

WE MUSTN'T GIVE
UP IF IT TAKES A
YEAR! I'LL
KNOW IT
WHEN I
SEE IT!



HERE
IT IS!

AND THIS SHIRT
VELLY IMPORTANT
TO FUTURE OF
SCIENCE, EH?
VELLY ODD! IT NOT
LOOK DIFFERENT
FROM OTHER SHIRTS
EXCEPT THAT IT
HAVE PLENTY
LAUNDLY MARKS!



HOW LITTLE YOU KNOW! HERE'S
MY CARD! LOOK ME UP SOME-
TIME AND I'LL SEE ABOUT
THAT BUSINESS OF GETTING
YOU DOWN IN THE ANNALS
OF SCIENCE!



In A LITTLE WHILE...

MY SHIRTS,
PLEASE!

YES,
SIR!



NOT SEEM ABLE
TO FIND PACKAGE
THAT HAS SAME
NUMBER!

IT MUST BE
THERE!

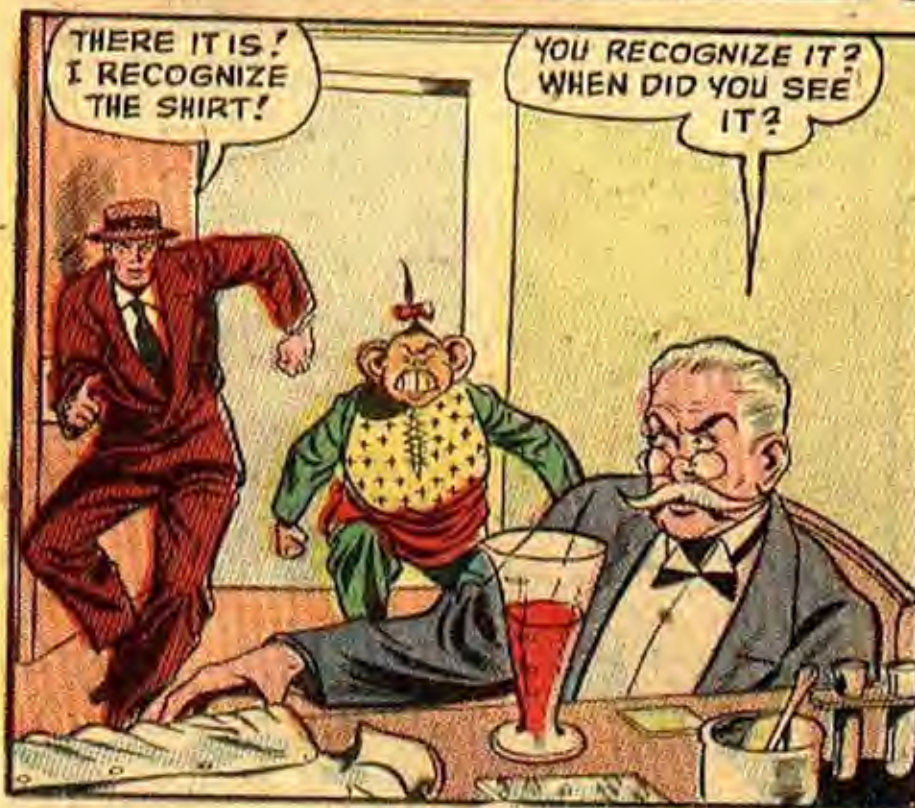
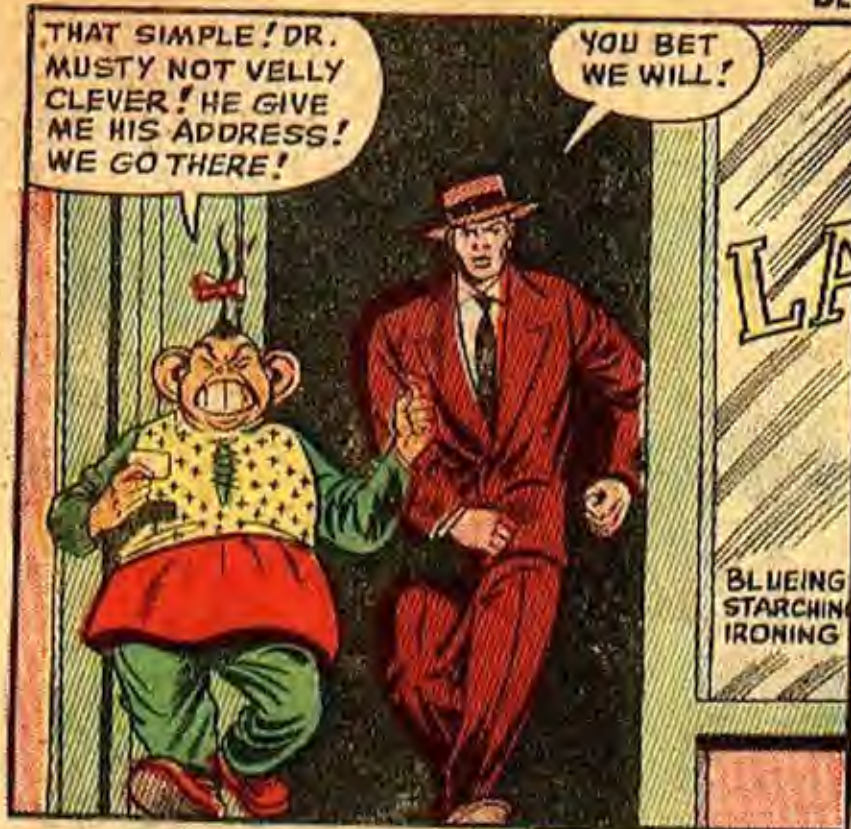


GRAWK! ME REMEMBER
NOW! ME SEE THIS
NUMBER AMONG MANY
LAUNDLY MARKS ON
SHIRT DR. MUSTY
TAKE AWAY!

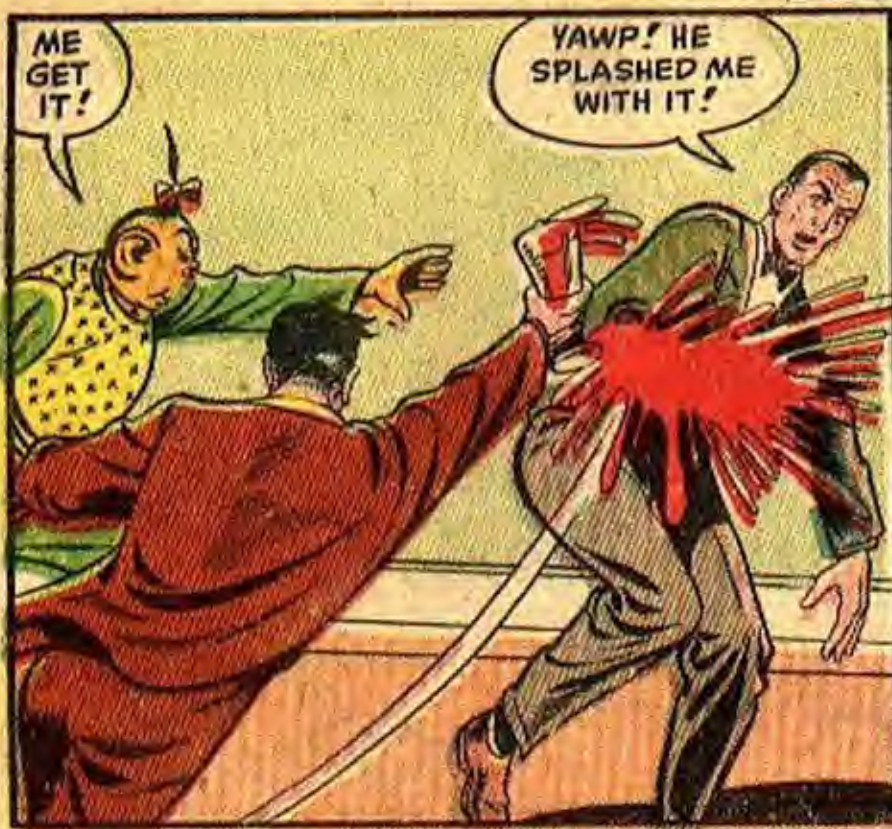
DR. MUSTY? YOU
GAVE HIM A SHIRT?

CORRECT! HE MAKE
ME VELLY SYMPATHETIC!
I BELIEVE THAT HE LOSE
TICKET! ME DO NOT
SUSPECT THAT HE IS
PHONY WHO GET SHIRT
THAT NOT HIS!

OF COURSE! OF
COURSE! BUT
THE IMPORTANT
THING IS TO GET
IT BACK!









THE SHIRT MANUFACTURER MERELY WANTED ME TO MAKE A DYE THAT WOULD RESIST DIRT, BUT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN TO INSIGNIFICANT AN ACHIEVEMENT FOR ME!

SO YOU GO HIM ONE BETTER AND MAKE DYE THAT WILL FIX IT SO YOU DON'T EVEN SEE SHIRT!



BUT IF SHIRT CANNOT BE SEEN, HOW WILL ANYONE BUY IT? AND IF NOBODY BUYS SHIRTS, MANUFACTURER WILL BE VELLY RESENTFUL!

AWRK! I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!



PERHAPS YOU WERE RIGHT! MY EXPERIMENT MIGHT HAVE DONE MORE HARM THAN GOOD! JUST TO SHOW THERE ARE NO HARD FEELINGS I'LL GIVE YOU MY BUSINESS! HERE! YOU MAY LAUNDER MY SHIRT!

GOSH! THANKS, DR. MUSTY!



BUT I'LL GET MORE IDEAS! I'VE GOT MILLIONS OF THEM!

I'LL GET SOME OTHER CLOTHES ON! IT GIVES ME AN EERIE FEELING WHEN I SEE ALL THE SPACE WHERE PART OF ME OUGHT TO BE!



BACK AT AH MING'S LAUNDRY CHOP CHOP TELLS HIS STORY...

BUT WHY YOU LOOK UNHAPPY, AH MING? LAUNDLY BUSINESS NOT IN DANGER NOW! DR. MUSTY EVEN GIVE MR. GOSLIN HIS SHIRT TO LAUNDER, TO SHOW THERE IS NO HARD FEELING!

CHOP CHOP RUB SALT IN AH MING'S WOUND!



AH MING HAVE SEVERE LOSSES IN FAN-TAN GAME... NEED ALL WORK HE CAN GET TO MAKE MORE MONEY... AND AH MING'S BEST FRIEND LET COMPETITOR TAKE AWAY SHIRT FROM HIM!

B-BUT...



IF AH MING HAD KNOWN OF FRIEND'S UNRELIABILITY HE WOULD NOT HAVE GRANTED REQUEST TO MIND LAUNDLY WHILE AH MING GONE!

ME ASKED FOR JOB, HE SAYS! GRR-RR! WHAT IS USE?

Devil's SQUADRON

THE leader of the squadron, a sinister-looking figure in his jet-black uniform with the blood-red skull on the breast, bowed before the stockier man in the carved chair that so resembled a throne. "Excellency, the squadron is yours to command. The discs are fully powered and loaded with their cargoes of total destruction."

"Splendid," the stocky man said, his voice a hissing whisper. "Then we are prepared to abandon our island citadel at last, to leave this ocean-walled prison and take over our rightful dominion—the world." Wild, breathless laughter bubbled from his lips for a moment.

The Leader's smile was tense. "But Excellency, there is still the question unanswered. We know that a flyer from the United States twice passed over our island and that a week later he returned and passed more slowly. Our delicate instruments detected the presence of an aerial mapping camera. By this time the government of the United States and those of her allies must know that we are here and that we are equipped for conquest. By now they will have come to realize the true meaning of our flying discs which we sent to map and photograph their factories."

The stocky man laughed again. "Of course they do. Which makes our jest all the more interesting and humorous. They know we are here and by now they must know that we are the missing super-scientists they have been hunting all over the world since we vanished after their puny World War II."

"Then would it not be wise to send another charting expedition to see what steps they are taking for defense? We could do that in a day with our supersonic flying discs. Excellency."

There was a sharp crack as the stocky man bent forward suddenly and drove the flat of his hand across the Leader's cheek, leaving an ugly red mark from his bony fingers. "Fool! What if they do know? What defense can they possibly dream up against us? Of course they are developing secret weapons, but they are working under the handicap of Democracy. Each has a say in what to do and the result is utter confusion and little gain. Here I am the brains and the power. When I order a thing done it is done, under penalty of death."

"Yes, Excellency," the Leader murmured and bent his head to hide the fury in his dark eyes. "Then we take off at once?"

"At once," the other barked harshly. "And I will lead in the largest disc, of course."

Ten minutes later a roaring hum filled the air of the tiny island and a vast swarm of great, circular objects like flying saucers rose from a hundred hidden hangars. As the discs formed a pattern in the air, the stocky man spoke into a microphone. "We are finished with the island. Destroy it."

At his words, beams of blinding light lashed down from three of the lower discs. The beams touched the island, converged . . . and suddenly there was nothing. Nothing but a swirl of boiling, steaming sea as the waters rushed in to fill the vacuum where a moment before an island had stood.

"Excellent," the stocky man said. "That is our power. By nightfall, every city in America will have vanished as swiftly. Forward!"

Like streaks of dust-motes, the discs fled across the vast expanse of the Pacific, north and eastward, until in the distance the pilots of destruction saw the Golden Gate, with the Bay Bridge like a shimmering thread and San Francisco sprawled beyond.

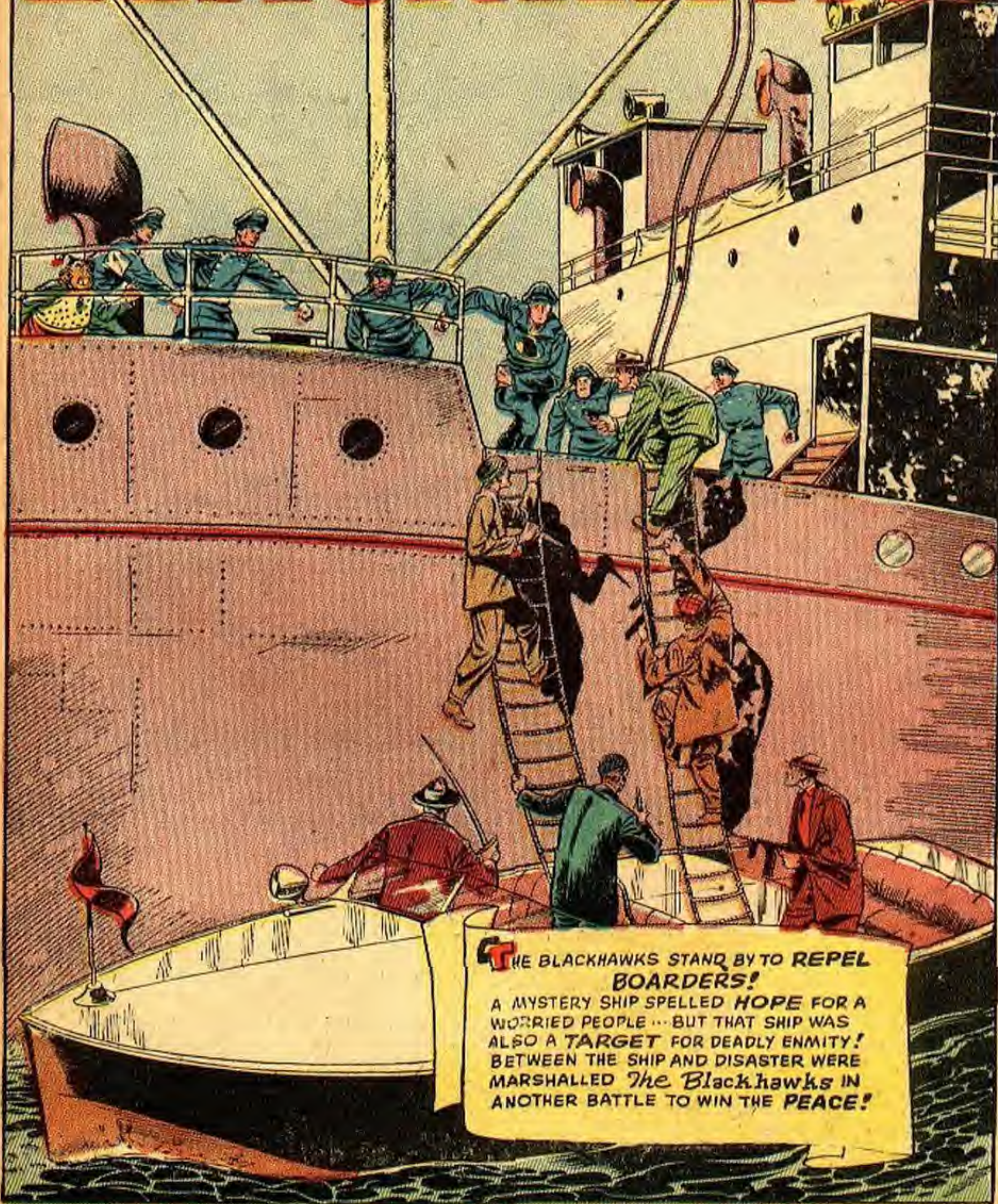
Suddenly the radios on all the discs sprang to life. A strange voice said quietly, "Rugar, we are aware of your approach, your evil intentions and the nature of your weapons. We have not been idle in our stupid democracy, as you called it. We are ready. This is our only warning. Land on the sea and surrender at once or take the consequences."

Over and above the last words came the screaming fury of the stocky Rugar. "Fools! Imbeciles! How can you meet our threat? Now you will die, as stupidly as you lived. Take San Francisco first, before we split our forces. Attack!"

The discs raced on in tight formation. The Golden Gate swam toward them and beneath them. And at the very last moment Rugar and his Devil's Squadron saw what looked like a row of monster searchlights lining the beach below. Then the queer machines were directly beneath them. There was no sound, no energy-wasting blaze of light or beam of power. There was nothing . . . absolutely nothing.

The discs flew over the waiting, upturned tubes . . . and vanished, completely and forever. Not even a dust speck remained of their proud fury in the skies. Democracy, with all its blunders, had not been idle.

BLACKHAWK



THE BLACKHAWKS STAND BY TO REPEL BOARDERS!

A MYSTERY SHIP SPELLED HOPE FOR A WORRIED PEOPLE ... BUT THAT SHIP WAS ALSO A TARGET FOR DEADLY ENMITY! BETWEEN THE SHIP AND DISASTER WERE MARSHALLED *The Blackhawks* IN ANOTHER BATTLE TO WIN THE PEACE!

ALL WAS PEACEFUL ON BLACKHAWK ISLAND, UNTIL...



BLACKHAWK!
YOU LOOK
WORRIED!
VOT ISS...

NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS,
HENDRICKSON!
PLANES, EVERY-
BODY!

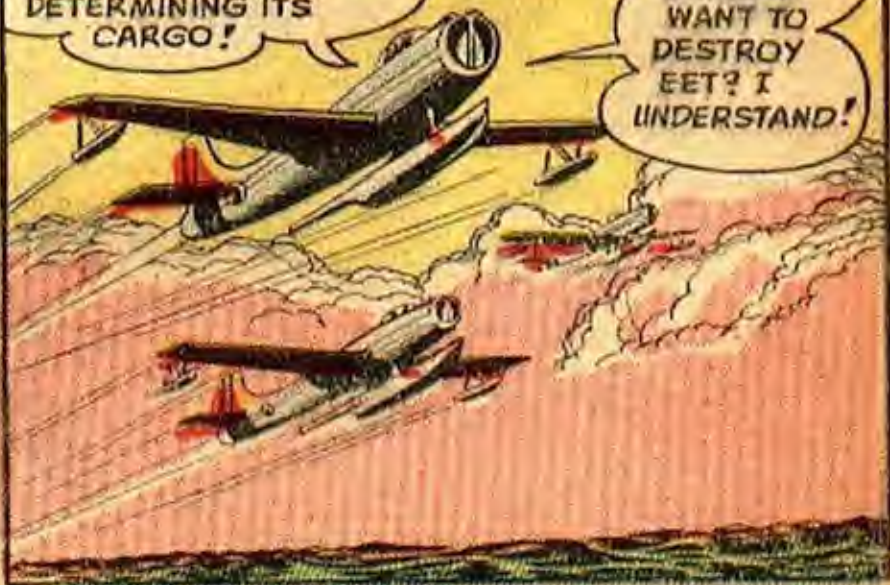
WE WEEEL DO SCOUTING
OR COMBAT DUTY,
BLACKHAWK, YES?
NO?

NEITHER ONE, ANDRE!
CONVOY DUTY...AND IT'S
ALL VERY
MYSTERIOUS!



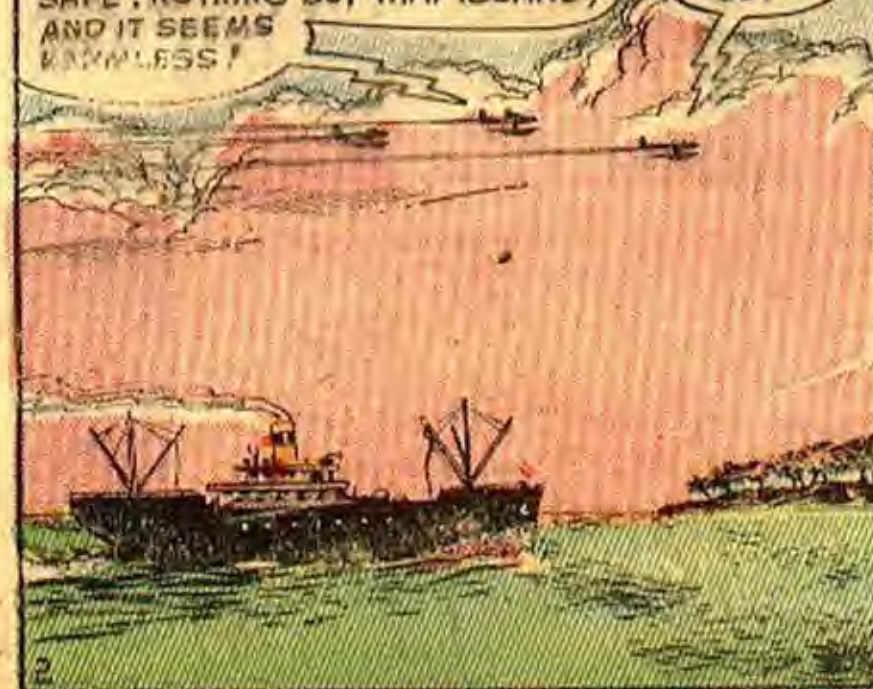
THERE'S A CERTAIN SHABBY TRAMP
STEAMER MAKING FOR THE PORT OF
NUBARD! WHAT IT CARRIES IS **TOP
SECRET**... BUT SIX DEMOCRATIC
NATIONS HAD A HAND IN
DETERMINING ITS
CARGO!

AH, OUI!
AND CERTAIN
**UNDEMO-
CRATIC**
NATIONS
WANT TO
DESTROY
EET? I
UNDERSTAND!

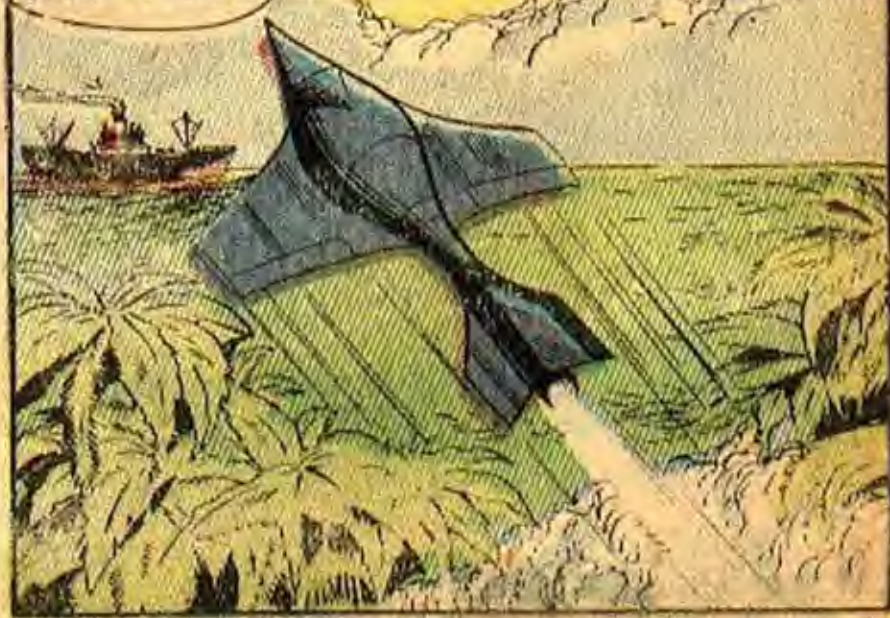


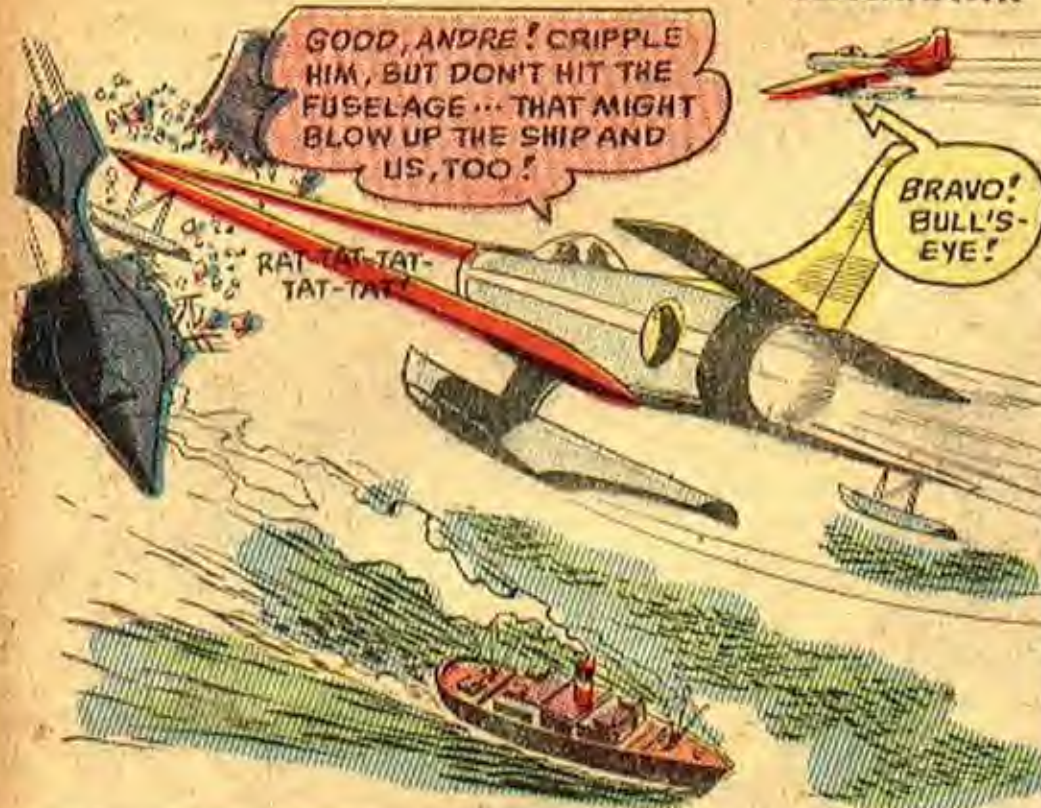
THERE SHE IS, BLACKHAWK!
ALL ALONE AT SEA, AND LOOKS
SAFE! NOTHING BUT THAT ISLAND,
AND IT SEEMS
HAPPY!

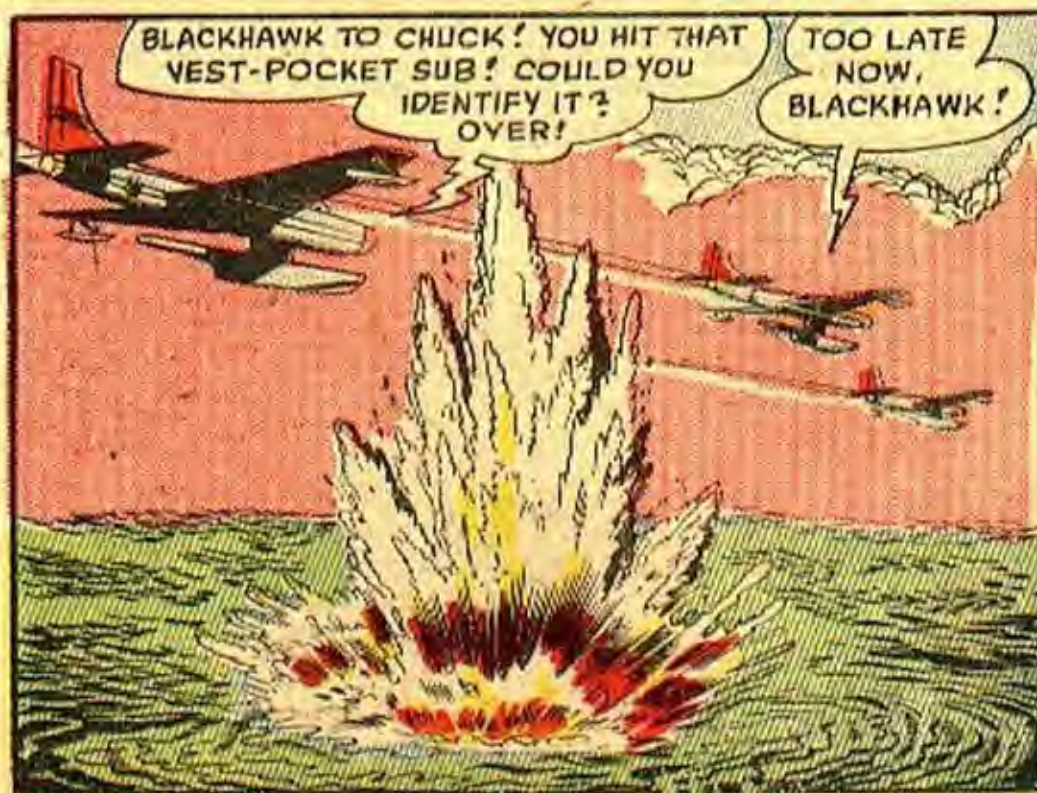
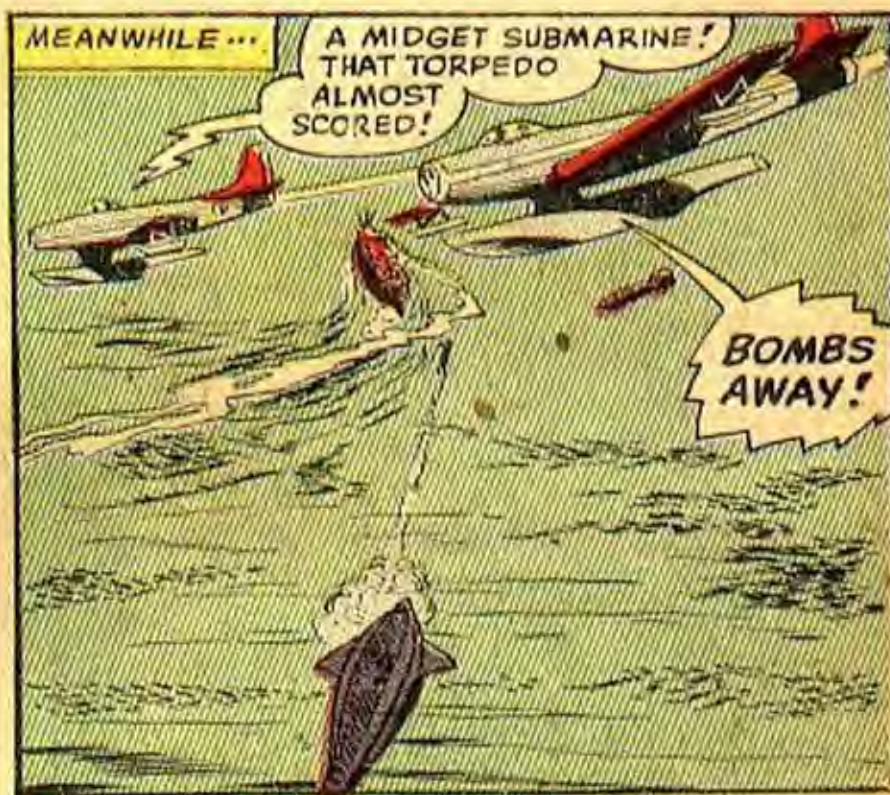
ROGER...
MAYBE!
BUT...



THAT LOOKS LIKE SOME
SORT OF **SUICIDE
PLANE**... LOADED WITH
EXPLOSIVES! QUICK,
HEAD IT OFF!











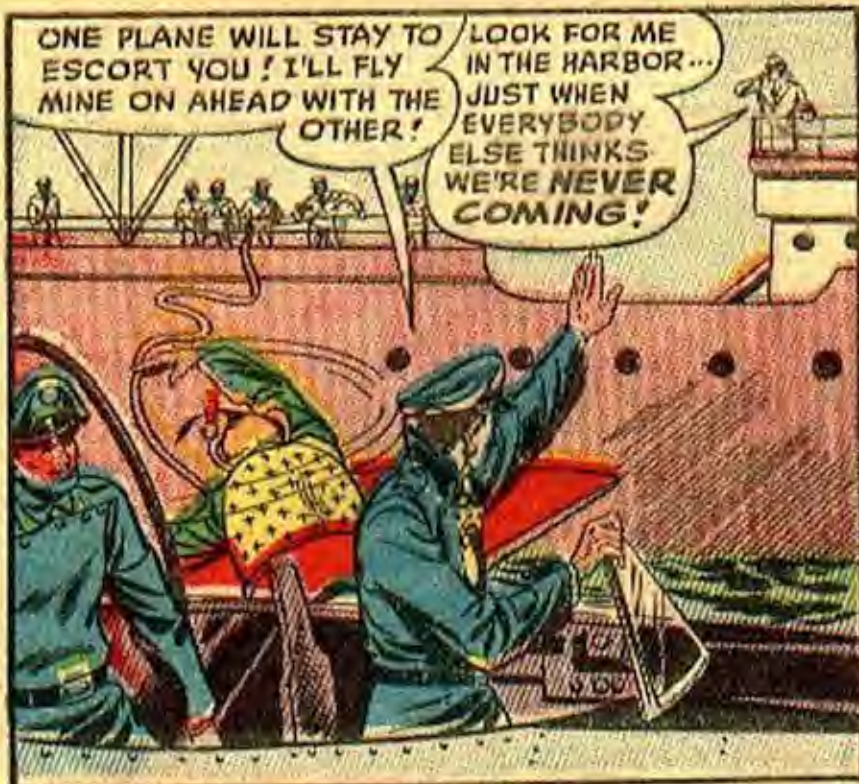
TAKE HIM BELOW TO THE DOCTOR! SEE IF HE CAN'T BE BROUGHT OUT OF HIS FOG! WE'RE APPROACHING NUBARD...

YES, AND I WANT YOU TO DO ME A FAVOR!



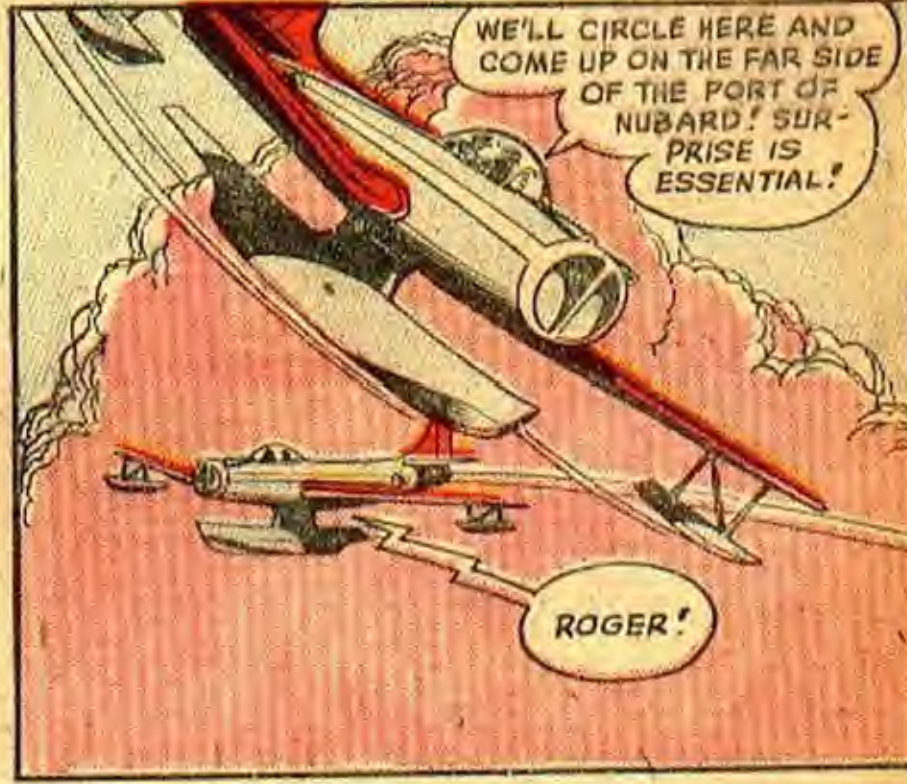
REDUCE YOUR SPEED! ARRIVE LATE!

WELL...HMM... I THINK I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN!



ONE PLANE WILL STAY TO ESCORT YOU! I'LL FLY MINE ON AHEAD WITH THE OTHER!

LOOK FOR ME IN THE HARBOR... JUST WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE THINKS WE'RE NEVER COMING!



WE'LL CIRCLE HERE AND COME UP ON THE FAR SIDE OF THE PORT OF NUBARD! SURPRISE IS ESSENTIAL!

ROGER!



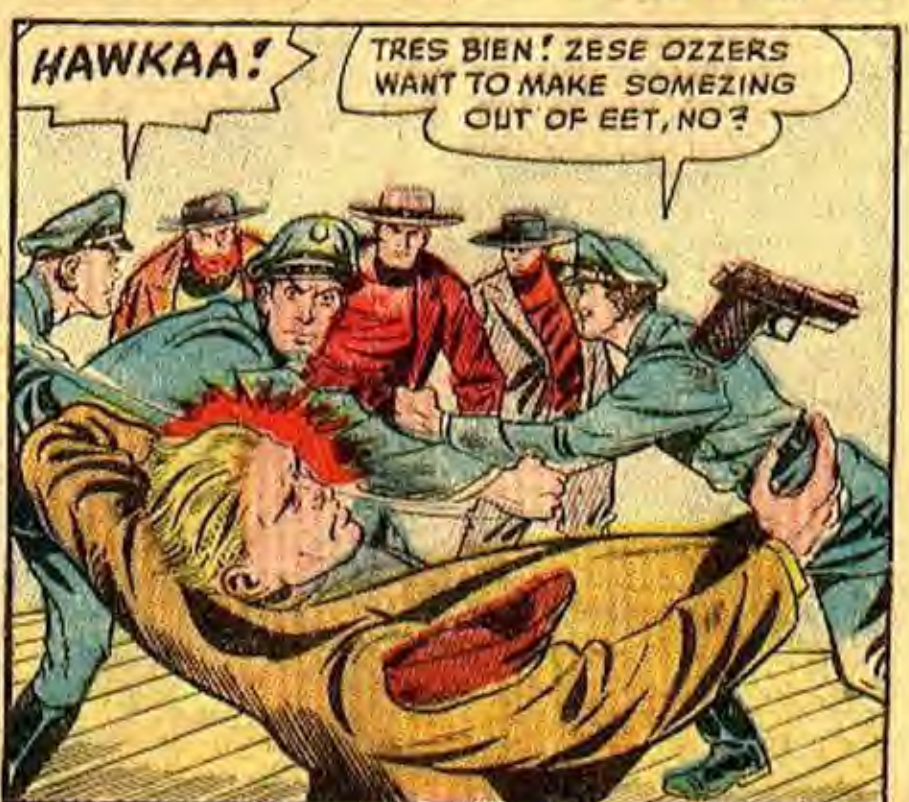
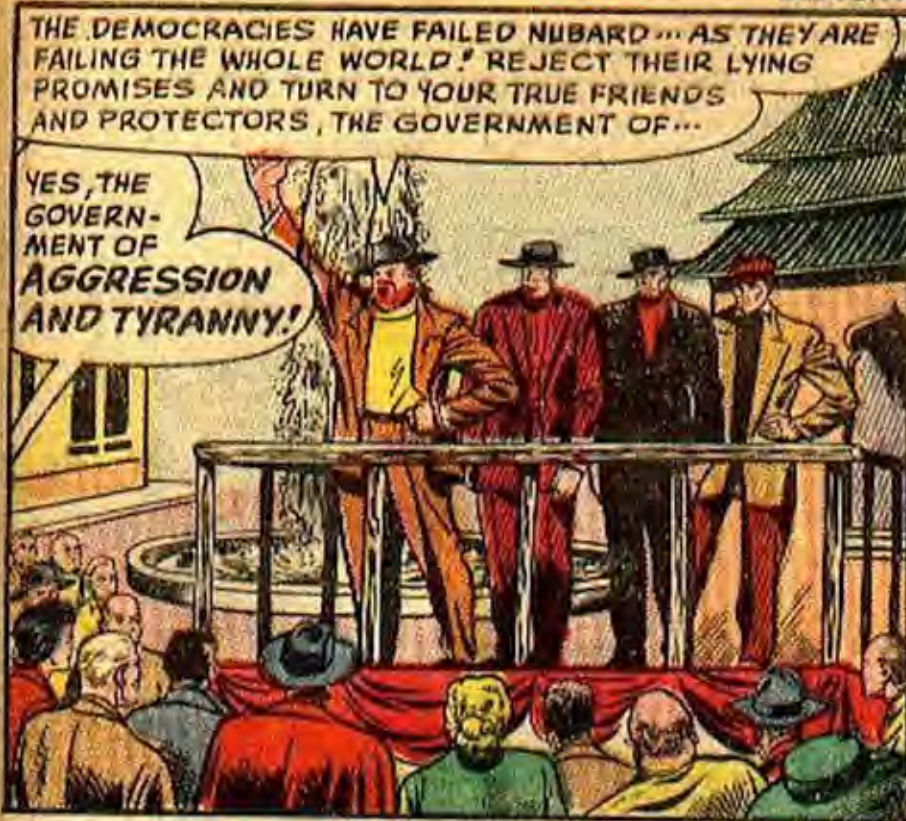
WE LANDED HERE UNOBSERVED! NOW DO WE SNEAK INTO TOWN?

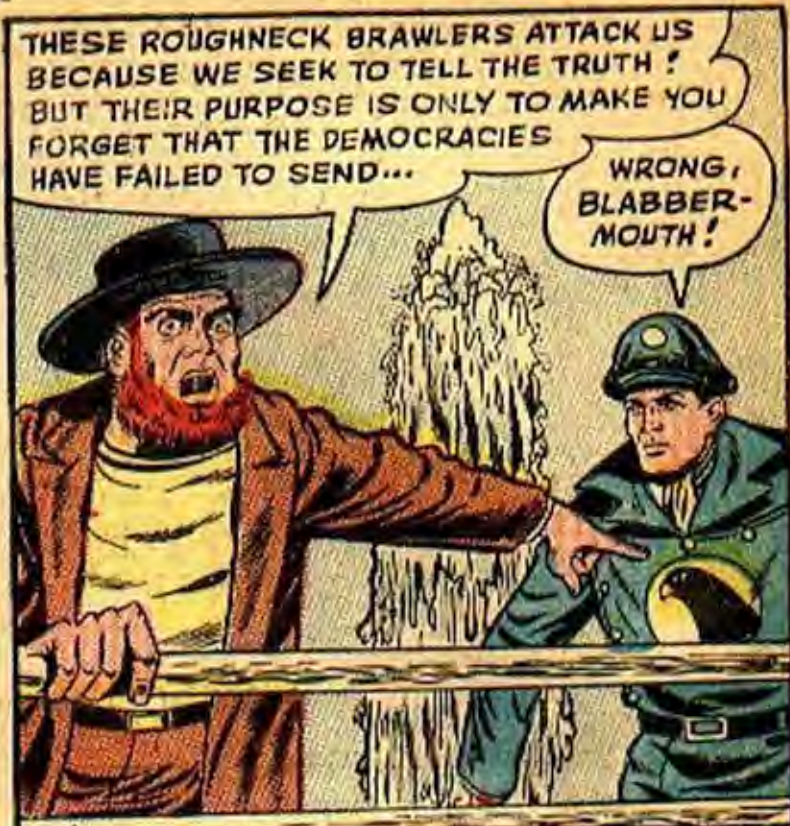
RIGHT, CHUCK! WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE'LL ANNOUNCE OURSELVES, ALL RIGHT!

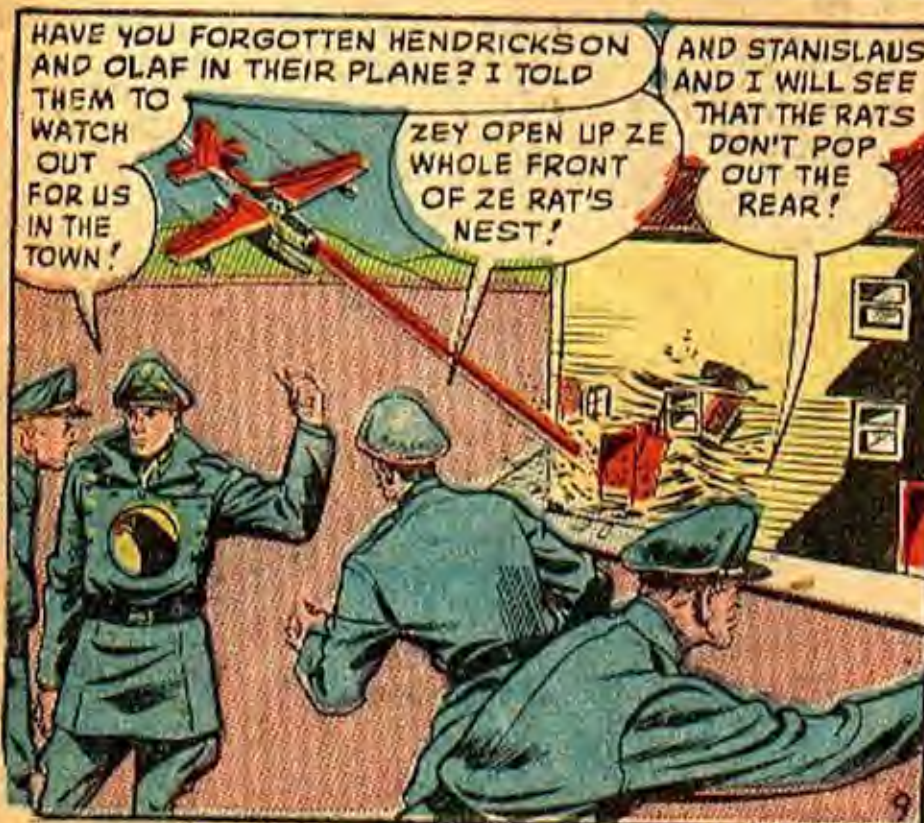
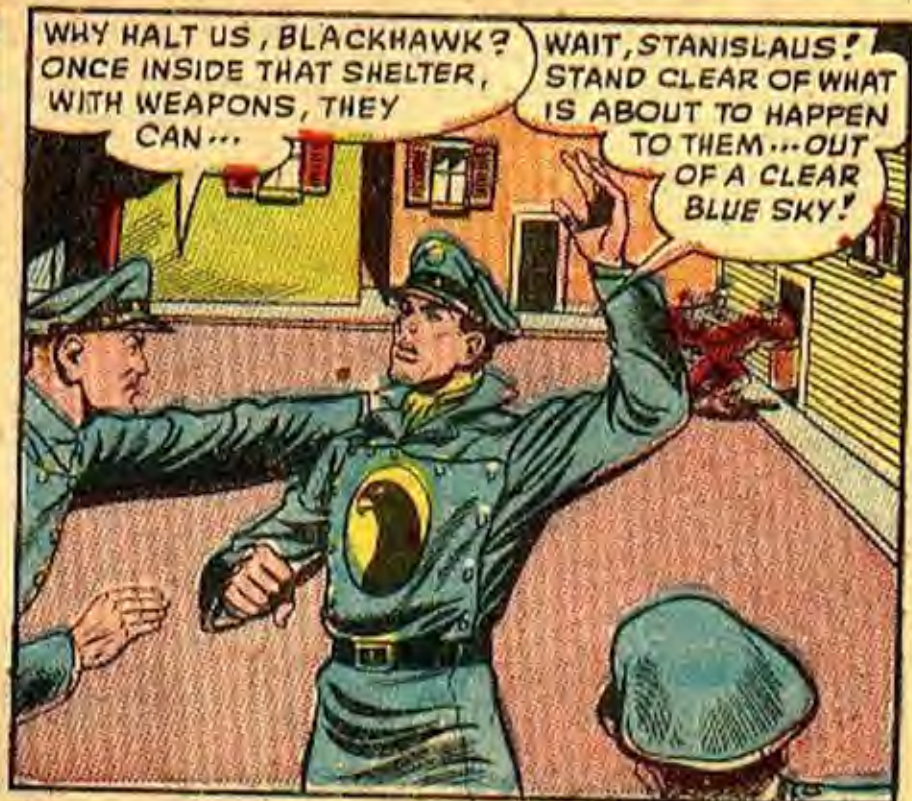
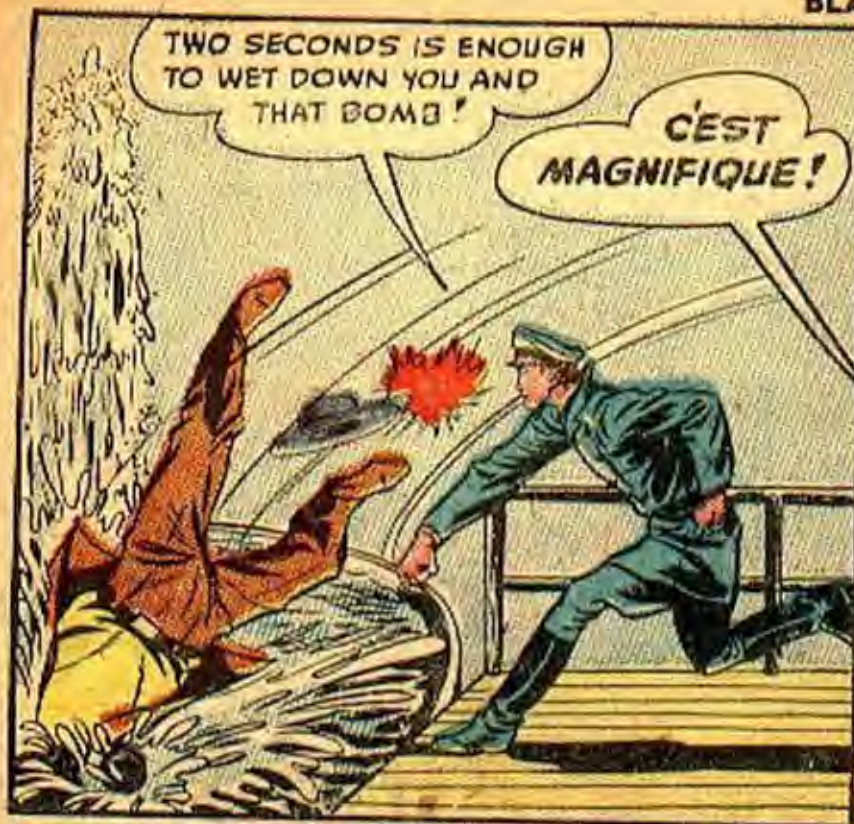


AH, WE WAIT AND WAIT...AND NOTHING OF THE PROMISED HELP! NOW DO YOU PEOPLE AGREE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONS ARE LIARS?

HMM...THAT LOUD-MOUTH IN THE MAIN SQUARE IS PROBABLY A PLANT...TO STIR UP TROUBLE!











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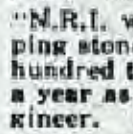
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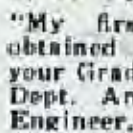
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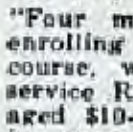
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